



RESEARCH WORKSHOP OF THE ISRAEL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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Focus Sensitive Expressions from a Cross Linguistic Perspective

Monday-Wenesday, 3-5.2.2014, Beck Auditorium, Bar Ilan University

Monday, February 3rd

- 9.00 Greetings
- 9.15 – 10.15 **Malte Zimmermann**, Potsdam University:
Conventional vs Free Association with Focus: Insights from West African and South East Asian Languages
- 10.15 – 11.15 **Ariel Cohen**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev:
Probability Judgments and Focus Sensitivity: A Linguistic Approach to the Conjunction Fallacy
- 11.15 – 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 – 12.45 **Nomi Erteschik - Shir**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev: *Focus Sensitivity on the Syntax-Information Structure Interface: Danish: kun (only) vs. endda (even)*
- 12.45 – 13.15 **Dina Orenstein**, Bar Ilan University:
An Accented Exclusive Particle in Hebrew
- 13.15 – 14.45 Lunch
- 14.45 - 15.15 **Yael Greenberg**, Bar Ilan University:
External and Internal Alternative Sensitive Operators
- 15.45 – 16.15 **Agata Renans**, Potsdam University:
Exclusive Focus Particles in Ga (Kwa)
- 16.15 – 16.45 Coffee
- 16.45 – 17.45 **Nirit Kadmon and Aldo Sevi**, Tel Aviv University:
Nuclear Accent and Lexical Meaning: The Case of bixlal
- 17.45 - 18.45 **Michael Wagner**, McGill University:
The Syntax of Focus-Sensitivity

Tuesday, February 4th

- 9.00 - 10.00 **Angelika Kratzer**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst:
Focus and Given: Two Technologies for Discourse Coherence (Joint work with Lisa Selkirk)
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Mira Grubic**, Potsdam University:
Background- or Topic-marking in Ngamo (Chadic)
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Thuan Tran**, Potsdam University:
Scalar and Additive Particles in Vietnamese
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee

- 11.30 - 12.30 **Roni Katzir**, Tel Aviv University:
Distinguishing Anaphoricity and Relevance in Free and Bound Focus
- 12.30 - 13.00 **Moshe E Bar-Lev and Daniel Margulis**, The Hebrew University: *Hebrew kol: a Universal Quantifier as an Existential under Cover*
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 15.30 **Judith Tonhauser**, The Ohio State University:
Focus Sensitivity in Paraguayan Guaraní
- 15.30 – 16.30 **Regine Eckardt**, University of Göttingen:
From Context to Information Structure: The Emergence of Focus Sensitive Particles in Language History
- 17.30 Excursion and Dinner

Wednesday, February 5th

- 9.00 – 10.00 **David Beaver**, University of Texas in Austin:
Focus Sensitivity and Question Sensitivity
- 10.00 – 11.00 **Luka Crnic**, The Hebrew University:
On the Interactions of Alternative-Sensitive Operators
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Galit Sassoon**, Bar Ilan University:
Degree Modifiers: A New Perspective on their Semantics and the Role of Stress within it
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Lena Karvovskaya**, Leiden University:
Additive Particles and Discourse Coherence in Ishkashim
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 15.30 **Patricia Amaral**, UNC- Chapel Hill:
Experimental and Theoretical Approaches to Approximatives
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Moria Ronen**, Bar Ilan University: *Degrees of Answerhood with the Hebrew be-gadol*
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee
- 16.30 – 17.30 **Mats Rooth**, Cornell University: TBA
- 17.30 **Malte Zimmermann & Yael Greenberg**: Closing Remarks